

Does outdoor access for poultry have to be on ground? If so, by what NOS citation(s)?

NOP issued a policy statement on October 29, 2002 clarifying access to outdoors for livestock. Simply stated, access to the outdoors means that a producer must provide livestock with an opportunity to exit any barn or other enclosed structure. 7 CFR 205.239 contains living condition requirements. This requires that an accommodation of an animal's health and ***natural behavior*** form the foundation of any organic livestock management strategy.

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